

Comparison of bank clearings in twelve cities during five years gives the following results :—

Cities.	1891.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
New York . . .	33,749,322,211	29,841,796,924	28,870,775,653	33,427,027,471	41,971,782,436
Chicago	4,753,840,087	4,614,979,198	4,413,054,105	4,575,693,340	5,517,335,476
Boston .	4,456,885,230	4,757,684,594	4,498,124,352	5,095,619,999	5,425,647,169
Philadelphia .	3,296,852,835	3,555,851,128	3,161,770,636	3,222,868,068	3,671,676,804
S. Louis	1,139,599,577	1,244,313,654	1,158,602,352	1,366,712,018	1,455,462,062
Baltimore	892,426,712	685,657,274	720,089,773	795,688,363	939,863,169
San Francisco	735,714,347	693,096,869	684,991,101	751,245,630	813,043,627
Pittsburg	679,062,255	746,110,257	745,409,217	819,637,017	975,243,809
Cincinnati	668,216,750	651,283,330	585,854,150	626,786,200	641,104,850
Montreal	516,042,400	583,160,000	527,858,016	601,185,000	731,264,677
New Orleans	514,807,407	487,948,184	466,556,610	415,978,498	436,723,291
Kansas City	492,207,771	519,900,230	503,790,868	539,838,361	585,394,369

No official returns of insolvency having been provided since 1880, the only source of information are the mercantile agencies of Bradstreet's and Dun & Co.

For the year 1898 these give the following :—

BRADSTREETS.

Povinces.	Number of Insolvents	Liabilities.	Assets.
		\$	\$
Ontario	633	3,832,697	1,739,739
Quebec	500	3,910,782	1,393,350
New Brunswick	78	417,666	202,156
Nova Scotia	125	650,415	306,711
Manitoba	29	329,486	152,521
British Columbia	52	410,154	245,545
Prince Edward Island	4	35,900	21,100
The Territories	6	57,000	24,600
Totals	1,427	9,644,100	4,085,722